

Scouting Facts: Italy



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Scouting started in Italy in 1910 and as a Founder Member of the World Scout Conference was recognised in 1922. When Mussolini came to power all Scouting in Italy was suppressed until after the Second World War, when it became active again. Re-recognition was granted in 1946.

There are 2 Associations which make up the Federazione Esploratori Italiani (Italian Scout Federation) and Associazione Guide e Scouts Cattolici Italiani (AGESCI) and the Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani (GNGEI).

Associazione Guide E Scouts Cattolici Italiani
(Association Of The Catholic Guides And Scouts)

The Progressive training scheme for the Cub and Scout Sections emphasises freedom of choice for individual development. The Scout Programme revolves around long term patrol Projects, and is divided into 5 levels, to reflect the personal growth of each Scout.

Some of the Cub/Brownie Units and most of the Rover/Ranger Communities are unified, but in the Scout Section activities are carried out through parallel Units, whose Leaders work together and organise periodic suitable mixed activities.

In 1976, 5,000 Rovers and Rangers took part in the relief operations for the Friuli Earthquake, over a period of 5 months. The following year they held "Labour Camps" to help the population in agricultural activities and reforestation.

Motto:

Estote Parati (Be Prepared)

Promise:

I promise on my honour that I will do my best: to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people at all times, to obey the Scout Law.

Law:

A Guide and a Scout:

1. consider their honour to be trusted.
2. are loyal.
3. want to be useful and help others.
4. are friends to all and brothers to every Guide and Scout.
5. are courteous.
6. love and respect nature.
7. know how to obey.
8. smile and sing under all difficulties.
9. are hardworking and thrifty.



10. are pure in thought, in word and in deed.

There are three sections in the Association:

Cubs - aged 7 - 11 years

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Scouts - aged 11 - 16 years

Rovers - aged 16 – 20½ years

Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani
(National Section Of Young Italian Scouts)



This Association is open to all boys and girls. it includes the "Unione Nazionale Giovani Esploratrici Italiane" (National Union of Girl Scouts) and there is co-education at all levels.

The Association cooperates with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for nature conservation projects. Rover Units are active in disaster relief. The CNGEI has recognition from Government as a body which is useful to the public welfare.

One Rover Crew has published a book about the archaeological excavations it has been undertaking since 1957, around the city of Chieri. The digs have brought to light many artefacts, structures and facts about the Etruscan and Roman periods, including an important temple. The Scouts have created a museum for the items they uncovered, and have presented it to the city of Chieri.

Motto:

"Sii Preparato" (Be Prepared)

Promise:

I promise on my honour to do my best; for accomplishing my duties towards God, my country and my family; for acting on every occasion with unselfishness and loyalty; for observing the Scout Law.

Law:

1. The Scout's word has to be sacred.
2. The Scout is loyal, strong and courageous.

3. The Scout is good minded and generous.
4. The Scout is a friend to everyone and he is a brother of all Scouts.
5. The Scout is courteous and tolerant.
6. The Scout respects and protects places, animals and plants.
7. The Scout is disciplined in a conscious way.
8. The Scout always remains serene, even during the difficult moments.
9. The Scout is frugal, parsimonious, thrifty and persevering.
10. The Scout is clean in thoughts, correct in his speaking and in his acting.

There are three Sections in the Association:

Cub Scouts aged 8 - 11 years

Boy Scouts aged 11 - 17 years

Rovers aged 16 - 22 years

Information about Italy may be obtained from:

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